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T'IEN-CHING STEEL MILL RESUMES OPERATION; POWER COMPANY DRAFTS 5-YEAR PLAN

MARTIN FURNACE FIRED -- Ta Kung Pao, 11 Jun 49

The 30-ton Martin furnace at the T'ien-ching Steel Mill resumed operation on 22 May 1949. This furnace is the second largest in North China, being smaller than the one at the T'ai-yuan Steel Mill.

Operations could have begun earlier, but were delayed for lack of raw materials, such as Fu-shun coal.

In the 3-years the furnace was in KMT hands, it was fired 149 times and produced 2,400 tons of steel, which is what should be produced when fired 81 times. A furnace load should be produced every 8 hours. This indicates the inefficiency of KMT operation.

NORTH CHINA POWER COMPANY PLAN -- Wen Hui Pao, 12 Jun 49

A meeting of North China Electric Power Company was adjourned on 10 June. The main purpose of this meeting was to study utilization of sources of electric power in North China to supply an increased volume of electricity to North China industries. It passed a five-year plan designed to increase the present output of 100,000 kilowatts to 200,000 kilowatts within the next 5 years. Also, to attain the most effective plan, it was decided that the main office and branch offices will hold their own meetings for further study of the question, while the planning section of the North China People's Government will organize a committee for this purpose.

Other matters passed at this meeting were proposals for unification of electric power transmission, and various construction plans for 1949.

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